

APPENDIX

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as follows:

33. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for maintaining a body lumen opening comprising a stent with a distal end and a proximal end, said stent having a tubular shaped body wall with a linear central axis when said stent is in a relaxed state, wherein (a) said body wall has outer and inner diameters which flare outward at the [includes a flared] distal end and the [a flared] proximal end of said stent, and wherein said diameters increase to form [and] a bulbous middle section of said stent for the purpose of providing resistance with a lumen wall upon installation of said stent in said lumen and (b) said stent is constructed of a material that is collapsible to facilitate insertion in said lumen, and expandable after placement in said lumen.